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GUIDE TO RAPTOR REMAINS

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Identifying the Remains of
Selected Species of California Raptors**



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Abstract

In order to address avian fatalities, many utilities are now checking their equipment for potential areas that may pose hazards for birds. Identifying species of fatalities is important to estimate the risk to eagles, to determine the most effective type of retrofit, and to understand which species are found in that particular habitat. When decomposed carcasses, bone pieces, feathers, or pellets are found under electrical structures, it can be difficult to identify the species. This guide provides a resource for the identification of partial remains of selected avian species.